

Betts, George W.

1909-1919



156TH STREET, WEST OF BROADWAY  
NEW YORK

March 20, 1909

Mr. George W. Betts,  
Englewood, N. J.

Dear Mr. Betts:-

The enclosed cheque appears to lack the signature.

With kind regards, and hoping to see you up here before long,

I am, believe me,

Very truly yours

Recording Secretary.

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March 20, 1906

Mr. George H. Petta,  
Englewood, N. J.

Dear Mr. Petta:-

The enclosed check covers the balance due.

With kind regards, and hoping to see you in June before long,

I am, believe me,

Very truly yours

Respectfully,  
Secretary.

101 Fulton Street.

New York April 17<sup>th</sup> 1914

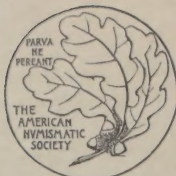
The American Humane  
Society  
Gentlemen

On account  
of advancing years I desire  
to cut down my memberships  
in different Societies &  
organizations of which I  
am a member of  
Therefore it is with regret  
that I present my resignation

as a member of the  
American Numismatic Society  
to take effect January  
15<sup>th</sup> 1915—

Enclosed please find  
\$15.<sup>00</sup> the amount of  
my dues to that date

Respectfully  
E. H. Keith



BROADWAY, AT 156TH STREET  
NEW YORK

April 21st, 1914.

Mr. George W. Betts,  
101 Fulton Street,  
New York.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter dated April 17th has just been received, and I note with much regret that you desire to resign your membership in this Society at the close of the current year. I will, as requested, present your resignation to the Council at its next meeting.

We would be very glad if you should decide, instead of withdrawing entirely from the Society at the time mentioned, to become an associate member. Associate members receive all the publications the same as full members, and pay but five dollars a year dues.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

Apr 27 1914

Will become an associate member  
as you suggest.

Please send me bill of same

E. W. Betts

Enclose this reply  
on bottom of your letter  
I do so so that you can see  
exactly what it refers to

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Very truly yours,

Secretary.



November 30th, 1914.

Mr. George W. Petts,  
101 Fulton Street,  
New York.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of November 27th was duly received, and I am very glad to note that you will become an associate member instead of resigning entirely from the Society. Your dues as member are paid up until the 18th of January next at which time your name will be placed on the associate membership roll, and a bill for dues will be sent to you.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.



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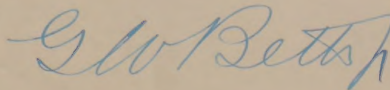
July 3, 1919.

American Numismatic Society,  
156 Street and Broadway,  
New York City.

Dear Sirs:

I regret to advise you that my father, George W. Betts, of  
Englewood, N. J., a member of your society, died on June 17th 1919.  
I enclose a short biography written by me at the request of the  
press of Englewood.

Very truly yours,



Dic. GWB-H

Enc.

## OBITUARY.

### George Whitefield Betts.

A long and useful life ended when George W. Betts of Cedar street passed away on Tuesday evening, June 17, at the Englewood Hospital, after an illness of more than three months, starting with an attack of pleurisy, followed by empyema and requiring two serious operations.

Born at Norwalk, Conn., on September 27, 1841, he spent his boyhood days there and in New York. His father, George Washington Betts, whose paternal ancestor, Thomas Betts, came over from England in early Colonial days, was a merchant in New York. His mother, Julia A. Miner, was the daughter of a famous physician, practicing in New York for 50 years. After his school days at Norwalk and New York he attended the College of the City of New York, but was unable to complete his course due to the financial reverses suffered by his father in a great panic occurring at that time.

Starting in with the firm of Mullen & Co. in New York, he soon entered the employ of the firm of Reynolds, Devoe & Pratt, one of the oldest and largest manufacturers of paints and oils, later known as F. W. Devoe & Co., and finally as the Devoe & Reynolds Co., located throughout on Fulton street, New York. He remained in active service with this house up to the time of his death, a period of more than 60 years, becoming the head of the export department and an officer and director for many years. For some time he had been longer in service than anyone else in the concern.

On April 23, 1868, at New York, he married Margaret E. Dominick, daughter of James W. Dominick, a well-known retired merchant of New York, after whose father, a vestryman of Trinity Church, one of the city streets was named, and of Margaret E. Delevan, daughter of Gen. Daniel E. Delevan of New York, of French Huguenot descent.

Moving to Englewood in 1870, early in his married life and in the early days of the town, he has resided here ever since in the family home on Cedar street.

Realizing the vital necessity of sewerage and water to the growing community, he was largely instrumental in starting the Englewood Sewerage Company, worked long and hard for its development, and was

also influential in obtaining for Englewood the service of the Hackensack Water Co. He was actively engaged in the work of the sewerage company as an officer up to the time of his death.

His greatest interest outside of his family and business life was in St. Paul's Church, which he joined on his arrival at Englewood and had watched grow from its early days as a small parish. A vestryman and warden for many years, he practically supervised the building of the new church and parish house, attending there almost daily during construction and straightening out any difficulties that arose, and during his whole connection therewith in the care of the buildings and grounds. Probably these beautiful structures are the best monument to his service and memory. No problem arising in the parish was too difficult or perplexing for his best energies which were always devoted to its solution.

An active enthusiast in work of the Englewood Improvement Association, many of its meetings were held at his house, and did much to improve the living conditions and to add to the beauty of the town.

In politics he was a staunch Republican and took an active interest in public affairs. A charter member of the Englewood Club, he was also a life member of the New York Historical Society, the Norwalk Country Club, Grand Army of the Republic (going into the Civil War with the Twenty-third Regiment of Brooklyn and after the war joining the Seventh of New York).

He is survived by his wife, Margaret E. Betts, and three children, all born in Englewood, George Whitefield Betts, Jr., lawyer, of the firm of Hunt, Hill & Betts, New York, living here; Hobart D. Betts, electrical engineer, of Thomas & Betts, New York, and Margaret B. Mason, wife of Dr. William P. Mason, of Troy, N. Y.; also by a brother, Charles H. Betts, of Chicago, and his sister, Julia Betts, who resided next to him for almost 50 years, and another sister, Mrs. Henry W. Banks, long a resident here.

The qualities which stood out strong throughout his life were his absolute lack of thought of self, the constant care and devotion to his wife, children, mother and sisters, as well as others: in a word, an unselfish life.

Never could it be better said: Well done, thou good and faithful servant.